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MRS. MARY F. ASHLEY DENEEN.

Mrs. Mary Ashley Deneen, mother of former Governor Charles S. Deneen, died December 20, 1914, at her home in the Yale Apartments, 6565 Yale avenue, Chicago, of heart failure following an attack of paralysis.

Mrs. Deneen was born Dec. 19, 1836, in Lebanon, Illinois. She was the daughter of Hiram K. Ashley and Sarah Horner, residents of that section of the state. When a young girl Mrs. Deneen attended the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville and later attended Wesleyan college at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which she was graduated in 1855.

Later in that year she was married to Samuel H. Deneen, who for thirty years was professor of Latin and Medieval History at McKendree College at Lebanon, a veteran of the Civil War and later United States Consul at Belleville, Ontario.

Hiram K. Ashley, Mrs. Deneen's father, and her grandfather, were among the organizers of McKendree College, a Methodist institution of which board of trustees former Governor Deneen is now president.

Mrs. Deneen is survived by her son and two daughters, Mrs. Fred J. Dickson of New York City and Miss Florence Deneen, head assistant of Altgeld School, Chicago. She also is survived by one brother, William Horner Ashley, of Carbondale, Illinois. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home of former Governor Deneen, Normal boulevard and West Sixty-first place, and burial was made Wednesday at Lebanon, Illinois.

"My mother has enjoyed good health and her death was a great shock to all of us," said former Governor Deneen. "At 9 o'clock in the morning, she suffered a stroke of paralysis, and died soon afterward. She was 78 years old last Friday."

Mrs. Deneen was connected by blood and marriage with many of the prominent old families of the state. She was a woman of great strength of character and did her duty fearlessly. She had a large acquaintance throughout Illinois and was much interested in state history and public affairs generally.

She was an honorary member of the Illinois State Historical Society and took pleasure in attending its annual meetings.

Three of the pallbearers at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Frances Ashley Deneen, performed the same function at the funeral of her husband more than nineteen years ago. They were Maj. H. G. Fulton, Alexander Whitehall, and William Eakin. They are members of George G. Meade Post of Englewood, of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Mr. Deneen was a comrade.

A guard of fifteen members of the Post, an unusual honor conferred upon a woman, accompanied the body of Mrs. Deneen from the residence at 6565 Yale avenue, to the Wabash station at Sixty-third street. The funeral party boarded a train for Lebanon, Illinois, the birthplace of Mrs. Deneen, where burial was made.

Services at the residence were conducted by the Rev. James A. Beebe, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Englewood. A fuller account of the life of Mrs. Deneen will be published in a later number of the Journal.